

Page 3, lines 13 and 14, delete the sub-heading "Description of at least one embodiment at least of the invention" and substitute --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

In the Claims (of the English Translation of the Application)

[ Claim 5 - amend as follows: ]

5. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sequence number is produced by a pseudo-random number generator.

[ Claim 6 - amend as follows: ]

6. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the encryption of the sequence number by means of the main key is used as the one-time encryption.

[ Claim 7 - amend as follows: ]

7. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control center (10) produces a number of signing keys (14) in advance, and transmits them to the sender (30), possibly together with the associated sequence numbers (12).

[ Claim 8 - amend as follows: ]

8. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the receiver (30) maintains a list of already used sequence numbers, and rejects already used sequence numbers.

Claim 10 - amend as follows:

10. (Amended) The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein a generator using a deterministic method produces one or more sequence numbers corresponding to the number of checks.